

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing ~~a different respective set~~ in a computer device sets of allocation data ~~for each, wherein each of the sets of allocation data corresponds to a different respective~~ function in a set of functions of an authoring tool, ~~each set wherein each of the sets of~~ allocation data ~~including a different respective allocation setting for each of~~ includes allocation settings which each correspond to a different respective one of an instructional design role and a content definition role, wherein the instructional design role and the content definition role are each for a user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each ~~of the~~ allocation ~~setting~~ settings specifying a respective ability to customize an allocation of the function which corresponds to the set of allocation data to the ~~particular~~ role which corresponds to the allocation setting;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the instructional design role and the content definition role;

in response to the received indication of the role selection,

the computer device generating, based on the allocation settings of the sets of allocation data, a list of one or more functions in the set of functions available to be selected for allocation to the one of the instructional design role and the content definition role, and

presenting to the user the list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating the selected function to the selected role.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of ~~disallowing preventing~~ the allocation of a third set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the instructional design role, and ~~disallowing preventing~~ the allocation of a fourth set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the content definition role.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within a graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing a different respective set sets of allocation data for each, wherein each of the sets of allocation data corresponds to a different respective function in a set of functions of an authoring tool, each set wherein each of the sets of allocation data including a different respective allocation setting for each of includes allocation settings which each correspond to a different respective one of an instructional design role and a

content definition role, wherein the instructional design role and the content definition role are each for a user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each of the allocation ~~setting~~ settings specifying a respective ability to customize an allocation of the function which corresponds to the set of allocation data to the particular role which corresponds to the allocation setting;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the instructional design role and the content definition role;

in response to the received indication of the role selection,

generating, based on the allocation settings of the sets of allocation data, a list of one or more functions in the set of functions available to be selected for allocation to the one of the instructional design role and the content definition role, and

presenting to the user the list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating the selected function to the selected role.

23. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

24. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of disallowing preventing the allocation of a third set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the

instructional design role, and ~~disallowing~~ preventing the allocation of a fourth set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the content definition role.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

27. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

28. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 22, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

29. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 28 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

30. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 29, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within a graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.